

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### Thanksgiving Blessings

Can you believe that it is November? Thanksgiving will soon be here. Of course, everyday should be a day of thanksgiving in our lives. We should always pay special attention to the many wonderful blessings we receive from God's hand. We are thankful for family and friends and children, for our health and the strength to deal with illness when we are sick. We should be thankful for food, shelter and clothing. God blesses us in so many wonderful ways but the greatest blessing is found in God's son Jesus Christ and the wonderful truth that because of Christ death and resurrection we have forgiveness from our sins and we have the great gift of eternal life.

Here is a list of some humorous blessings to be thankful for. I found this list in the newsletter of another church. Where it was originally published I do not know.

### Things to be Thankful For This Thanksgiving

1. Be thankful for automatic dishwashers. They make it possible to get out of the kitchen before the family come in for their after-dinner snacks.
2. Be thankful for husbands who attack small repair jobs around the house. They usually make them big enough to call in professionals.
3. Be thankful for children who put away their things and clean up after themselves. They're such a joy you hate to see them go home to their own parents.
4. Be thankful for teenagers. They give parents an opportunity to learn a second language.
5. Be thankful for smoke alarms. They let you know when the turkey's done.

Humor is truly a great blessing. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Reverend  
Randy Burke



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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## OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2009



## November Birthdays

Pat McCoy	2
Genevieve Harvey	3
Albert Green	8
Rick Croix	9
Charles Slocum	12
Kathy Sanders	13
Jacob Salinas	15
Louise Pitts	17
Nancy Green	18
Rod King	19
Jessica Luna	20
Susan Hirt Dyes	22
Carolyn Anderson	23
Marion Dixon	25
Bill Odena	25
Michael Simons	26
Don Whitley	27
Amber Leissner	30
Lance Leissner	30



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

## November Anniversaries

Joe and Jimmie Saldivar	5
Al and Charlotte Leissner	7
Chris and Kathy King	8
Keith and Sherri Murray	16
Jose Louis and Jennifer Saldivar	22
Bill and Verna Odena	27



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bread Sunday Golden Travelers Monument Inn	2 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study	3 CWF - Service 10:00 A.M. Blankets	4 Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	5 No Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 No Executive Board Mtg.	9 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study	10 CWF - 10:00 a.m. Covered Dish Board Mtg 7:00 P.M.	11 Choir Rehearsal No Hand Bells	12 Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 Congregational Meeting Victory Dinner After Service	16 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study	17 CWF - Love Meals	18 Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	19 Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	20 Church Office Closed	21 CHURCH WORK DAY 9-12:00 Noon
22 Thanksgiving Dinner	23 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study	24 CWF - No Mtg.	25 Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	26 THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 Church Office Closed	28
29	30 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study					

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

## Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in November. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

**Church Office** - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s  
832.729.1598 - Cell  
713.983.0717 - Home



**Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study** - Pastor Randy's Bible study Death and Resurrection of the Messiah by Ray Vander Laan, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

## Terry's Crafters

"Terry's Crafters" will meet 2:00 p.m. in Kirchner Hall November 22nd.

Oaks Christian Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 22, 2009, p.m.

Also, Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Timothy United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir will be singing.

Smile  
Jesus  
Loves  
You!

"Bingo"



## Announcements, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report



### Oaks Day - Barb Scantlin

All able and willing people are needed for the all church work day on November 21, 2009 from 9 a.m. to noon with a lunch provided.

We have several areas that need help in cleaning up and straightening up. So if you want to work outside, bring your gloves and appropriate tools.



If you want to work inside, then bring cleaning fluid, buckets, rags, brooms.



If you have access to chain saws, those would be helpful too. We are hoping to take the stump down even to the ground on Bethlehem side. Also, tools such as screwdrivers, pliers etc. would be helpful.

Come join us for a good energy filled, work to make a difference at Oaks day!!! Thanks, Barb

### Remember Bread Sunday December 6, 2009



### Coming in December...



### CWF Christmas Party

December 1, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Steamboat  
Restaurant

December 20, 2009

Oaks Christmas Party  
Chancel Choir Singing  
and  
Live Nativity



### September Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of July	Sunday School	Church Attendance
October 04	19	58
October 11	23	62
October 18	20	62
October 25	23	57
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>239</b>

### From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	August	September	October
Deposits	10,140.17	8,575.00	N/A
Disbursements	(14,363.29)	(12,024.44)	N/A
Difference	(4,223.12)	(3,449.44)	N/A

The shortfall each month is being funded from the Capital Improvement Fund - Year to Date we have transferred \$16,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Operating Fund to cover expenses.

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## Oaks Christian Church

*Bound Together in Love*



### **FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY**

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### **Items Needed:**

Toothpaste, washing powder, shampoo, deodorant, baby diapers, sugar, flour and can goods.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**

### **Board Happenings - *Albert Green, Board Chair***

**Friendly Reminder:** There will not be an Executive Board Meeting for the month of November and Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

